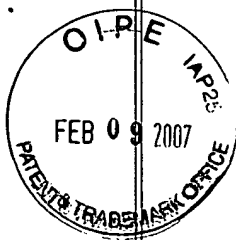


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In accordance with M.P.E.P §713.04, applicants
present the following statement of the substance of the
interview dated January 16, 2007:

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REMARKS

In accordance with MPEP §713.04, applicants present the following statement of the substance of the interview with the Examiner on January 16, 2007. An Interview Summary corresponding to the January 16 interview was mailed by the PTO on January 29, 2007.

During the January 16 telephone conference, applicants informed the Examiner that the October 23, 2006 Office Action was not received by applicants because it was not mailed to its representative's new office address. The Examiner agreed to forward by facsimile to applicants' representative a copy of the October 23 Office Action which was received by applicants' representative on January 16, 2007. A response to the October 23, 2007 Office Action was timely filed on January 23, 2007 (i.e., within the shortened statutory period for reply).

It was also agreed during the January 16 interview that applicants' representative would file a notice informing the PTO of the representative's new office address. A Change of Correspondence Address form was filed with the PTO on January 16, 2007.

Favorable reconsideration and examination of the
January 23, 2007 response on the merits are most respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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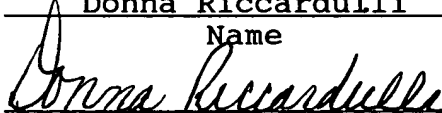
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